

**REMARKS**

This paper is submitted prior to the First (non-final) Office Action. While a First Office Action was sent to the Applicant on June 18, 2003, the Applicant conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Marc on June 25, 2003 (a copy of the INTERVIEW SUMMARY as submitted by the Applicant on June 26, 2003 is submitted herewith). During the interview, this First Office Action of June 18, 2003 was discussed. It was agreed that this First Office Action was inadvertently issued and would be withdrawn, and a new First and Non-final Office Action would be issued. Accordingly, the present status of the above-listed Patent Application is that of before the issuance of a First (non-final) Office Action on the merits.

Claims 10, 11, 25-30 and 32-35 have been amended editorially, for purposes of clarity and consistency. These amendments are not substantive and no new matter has been added.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Entry of this paper prior to a first examination and allowance of all pending claims, 1-35, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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